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In re application of:

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For: IMAGE FORMING TONER, 2-COMPONENT DEVELOPER, IMAGE FORMING
METHOD FOR MANUFACTURING IMAGE FORMING TONER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Date: February 28, 2002

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as set forth below:

IN THE CLAIMS:

Amend claim 9 as follows:

9. (Amended) An image forming method comprising:
- a step of forming an image on a medium by using a developer comprising a toner in which the ratio of the component of the toner measured by gel permeation chromatography to have molecular weight of 500 to 1000 is less than 10 parts by weight with respect to the 100 parts by weight of the entire toner; and
 - a step of performing flash fixation of the toner on said medium.